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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

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This is a request for filing a [X] continuation, [] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 09/140,831, filed August 26, 1998, entitled QUICK RELEASE SKI POLE AND STRAP SYSTEM by inventor(s) Galen Wells.

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on February 1, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
5. [X] Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the previous application.
 [] Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed with Form PTO 1449, and copies of references listed.
6. [X] Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response in the previous application. The extension fee is included and a duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
7. Small entity status:
 [X] Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
 [] Small entity status is no longer claimed.

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Independent Claims	5-3	2	x \$ 40 =	\$80
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TOTAL FILING FEE				\$490

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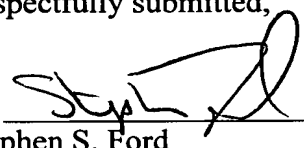


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